

Policy for increased monitoring by public water systems for bacteria and nitrates, due to accumulated failure to monitor violations.

This policy is effective June 1, 2002. At the Drinking Water Program's discretion, if 50% (per cent) or more compliance samples are missed during an operational year, the following conditions apply.

- When quarterly bacteria samples are missed, the public water system will be placed on mandatory monthly bacteria sampling for a minimum of six (6) continuous months while the system is operating.
- When an annual nitrate sample is missed, the public water system will be placed on mandatory quarterly nitrate sampling for a minimum of four (4) continuous quarters while the system is operating.
- When quarterly nitrate samples are missed, the public water system will be placed on mandatory monthly nitrate sampling for a minimum of six (6) continuous months while the system is operating.

A certified letter will be sent to the public water system as notification of the monitoring change.